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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

US 5,643,607, corresponds to JP 4-321622, which was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present application on May 12, 2005. US 5,643,607 was recently cited in the corresponding Chinese patent application, a copy of an English translation of the Chinese Office Action mailed on May 9, 2008, is submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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